

Minutes of the Regular Town Council Meeting Monday, Oct 09, 2017

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Harry Ward. Council members in attendance were Ken Lewis and Bob Wood. Council members absent were Kathy Lock and Becky Craft. Community members in attendance are shown on the attached sign-in sheet.

Harry acknowledged and thanked everyone for their support.

2. Approval of the Oct 09, 2017 meeting agenda

Motion: *A motion was made by Ken Lewis to approve the Oct 09, 2017, meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Bob Wood. **The motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.***

4. Approval of the Sept 11, 2017 Town meeting minutes

Motion: *A motion was made by Ken Lewis to approve the Sept 11, 2017 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Bob Wood. **The motion carried 3-0.***

5. Reading of Correspondence

There was no correspondence for this month

6. Reports:

a. Treasurer's Report

Harry Ward presented the September 2017 Treasurer's Report, prepared by bookkeeper Jennifer Cornell. Harry referred everyone to the handout copies that were provided prior to the meeting.

Motion: *Ken Lewis made a motion to approve the Sept 2017 Treasurer's Report subject to audit. Bob Wood seconded the motion. **The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.***

b. Building Enforcement Officer/ Floodplain Administrator

Vice Mayor Lewis gave the report and said that Bob Clemdaniel had worked 10.50 hours this month. He had 3 building permits and 2 drive throughs

c. Tax Collector Report

Angela Tibbitt prepared the Tax Collector report noting that there was \$65,146.05 collected so far, this year and gave the treasurer a check for \$33,403.93. The total billings amount to \$70,845.39, with one tax payment past due in the amount of \$1,092.38.

d. Town Street Committee

No Report this month.

e. Mayoral & Council updates

No Report this month.

6. Old Business

a. Sand on the beach

Unofficial word is that it is possible Slaughter Beach maybe in line for sand by a Corp of Engineers projects in 2019-20. This based on a discussion with the project managers for both ACE and DNREC

The initial study is being sent to the ACE in Washington where it will be reviewed. Once reviewed, it will then be returned back to the Philadelphia office where it will be further studied based on the ACE Washington, D.C. comments and recommendations.

b. USDA Wastewater Grant

Waiting for Sussex County to get back to us with additional information.

A Request for final bill has been submitted to Eric Retzlaff, waiting on response. DB&F will be the new engineer to complete the remaining project work.

c. DNREC Resiliency Grant

We are waiting for the final report from DNREC.

d. Board Walk at Marvel Ave.

Project has been fully funded and the timing going forward is being discussed.

e. Possible properties with exempt status

After studying the exempt status issue, there are 2 properties that were on our list that were a mistake and 5 others that were very small areas. Council will further investigate.

7 New Business

b.a. Yearly audit presentation by Sombar and Company
Tom Sombar made the presentation and said that 2017 was a good year for the town.

Assets were up about 10% and even though revenue was down some little expenses were also less. We received a little less in RTT funds than last year. In a four-year comparison, unassigned equity increased. He suggested that council might want to shift more RTT funds into CD's.

b.b. Council discussed and voted to go forward with the project of painting the restrooms and pavilion.

*A motion was made by Ken Lewis to approve the project. The motion was seconded by Bob Wood. **The motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.***

b.c. Town CULP Project

Chapter 1 is completed
Chapter 2 is in the process
Chapter 3 is in the planning process.

10. Adjournment

***Motion:** Harry Ward made a motion to adjourn. Bob Wood seconded it. The motion passed unanimously, 3-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.*

11. Upcoming Events

Next Town Council meeting – Nov 13th 2017

Respectfully submitted,

Robert G. Wood
Secretary